MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : That is stated in the answer.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : The answer simply says that the Government have been giving him '*all possible encouragement*'. I want to know the nature of the encouragement that they have been giving him.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The publication of his book itself was taken up by the Government. A Malayalam Shorthand class was opened in the Alleppey Commercial School.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I suppose the profit of the publication goes to the Government ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The auther gets 200 books *gratis*.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Has he been given any increment of pay ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Increment of pay, for writing a book ?

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I think he is a typist in the Huzur Office. Is he given only his pay as an ordinary typist, or does he get any special allowance ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : He is getting his pay as a typist.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know whether any honorarium is given to him ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) ; May I know whether the Malayalam Typewriting Machine is ready ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : It is being made under his supervision.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : By whom ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*). By the Government Press.

Malayalam Shorthand.

105. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have given any encouragement to Mr. Pandalay who invented the system of Malayalam Shorthand, and, if so, what they are ; and

(*b*) whether they are aware of the encouragement given by the Government of Madras to the inventor of the Tamil Shorthand ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The member is referred to the answer given to interpellation No 104 by Mr. M. N. Pillai.

(*b*) The Government have no information on this point.

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